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Memo: re detentions  
in East Timor  
To: George Atkin, DFAT, Canberra  
From: Pat Walsh

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  7. Manuel Guterres, clerk of the DPR, 24 May.
  8. Herminio da Costa Alves, staff of the governor, 18 May.
  9. Francisco Rego de Oliveira, 35, imprisoned 27 May.
  10. Abel de Araujo, student. One of his brothers is in prison, nobody knows his whereabouts.
  11. Antonio da Silva, student, 21, imprisoned 29 May, his house destroyed.
  12. Marito Macario, aged 39.
- All these people were taken during the night by the intel men. Nobody knows where they are held: some taken to Venilale in the eastern part, some held in Dili.
13. Nuno Corvelo de Andrade, 28, imprisoned 30 May;

DFAT enquiries and response appreciated.

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#### Summary of points from Kompas, 23.06-1989

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Asked why the students went to the embassies, da Cruz only said it was because of economic and religious considerations. The students hoped that the Japanese would pay their fare, while they went to the Vatican embassy was they were of the same religion as the students. According to a Jakarta Post source (possibly from their issue of 22 June, which has not yet reached us), the students were involved in subversion; they are thought to have opposed ET's integration with Indonesia.

Kompas tried to meet the students but was advised by da Cruz not to do this for the time being as they are very exhausted and still overcome by fear. He said that now, at his house, they still feel suspicious, but as a father figure, he is trying to help them in their difficulties. "As an older person, I want to help these young people to overcome their difficulties." He added that they had sought asylum because of news they had received that some ET students had been interrogated by the authorities. When they heard this they became very afraid which is why they asked for passports to go to Portugal. Lopez da Cruz is now contacting the government to seek a solution to their problem, in particular to help them return to a normal life.

## East Timorese asylum seekers with former deputy governor

23-6-89

JAKARTA (JP) Six East Timorese students who have sought political asylum at the Vatican and Japanese embassies in Jakarta are currently in the care of former East Timor Deputy Governor Francisco Lopes da Cruz.

In a telephone interview with The Jakarta Post last night, Lopes da Cruz, a member of the Supreme Advisory Council, said that the students "appear very exhausted and are taking a rest" at his house in South Jakarta.

Four students who had attempted to seek asylum at the Vatican Embassy on Monday abandoned their asylum bid Tuesday evening after being told the mission could not satisfy their request.

By 2 a.m. Thursday, two other students, who had sought asylum at the Japanese Embassy Monday, quit the mission following consultations involving the students' their respected father

figure Lopes da Cruz, embassy officials and the Indonesian authorities.

Lopes da Cruz told the Post: "Their asylum requests were rejected by both embassies. Instead of seeing them wander about not knowing where to go, I went there as a Timorese to take them here, bring them onto the right path."

But he would not say when or if the students would return to campus. Five of them have been studying in Bali and one in Jakarta.

"I am planning to talk to them tonight to find out what they are after," he said.

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Lopes da Cruz noted, however, that "They are young people full of idealism and imagination... we also should realize that perhaps they have not seen the impact of our nurturing efforts. They might have looked at things using their own perceptions."

The official added that "people in East Timor are still innocent," so there need to be efforts to help them adjust to the rhythm of development programs in the province.

He would not say how long the students would stay at his residence, however.

Lopes da Cruz, who had been posted as an expert staff member at the Ministry of Home Affairs before becoming a member of the presidential advisory council, indicated during last night's interview that he had acted as a responsible citizen from East Timor and simultaneously a father figure who could not stand to see East Timor's younger generation have difficulty adjusting to Indonesian regulations.

"If they (the students) want to go abroad, they do not have to create incidents or foreign embassies. There are acceptable procedures for people to go abroad," he said.